the targets are fixed as an average of the Five Year Plan period. The Ninth Five Year Plan has set the target of GDP growth as 6.5% per year as an average of the five year period, 1997—2002.

(c) In view of (b) above, does not arise.

(d) GDP is estimated for the current and past years and not for the future years. The latest estimate of GDP is available for the year 1999-2000.

(e) In view of (b) & (d) above, does not arise.

MPLADS funds of Rajya Sabha MPs from Orissa

2442. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount released as MPLADS to different MPs of Rajya Sabha from Orissa for the years 1998-99 and 1999-2000.

(b) whether the balance MPLADS Fund of those Rajya Sabha Members could be used by the new Members, who are elected when Rajya Sabha MPs are retiring; and

(c) whether MPLADS Fund could be used for construction of Indira Awas Houses in cyclone affected areas of Orissa?

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(b) In respect of Members of Rajya Sabha, the unspent balance left by the predecessor Members of Parliament in a particular State, after taking into account the cost of all the eligible works recommended by the predecessor MP, may be equally distributed amongst the successor Rajya Sabha Members in that particular State for utilisation under the scheme.

(c) MPLADS funds can be used for construction of houses as a part of an approved centrally sponsored scheme like Indira Awas Yojna.